

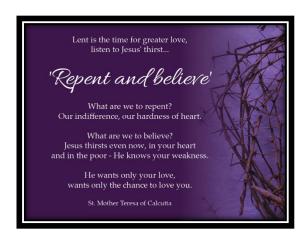
# The Gargoyle

#### February, 2021

Founded in 1702 and located near historic Fort Griswold, we are an Open and Affirming Church. While our Hearts and Minds are always open, our doors are temporarily closed due to the pandemic.



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH VISITOR

If you know of anyone in need of a phone call or a visit, please contact Connie Stoddard or the church office.



William Blaisdell 02/04

James Doughtery 02/27

Barbara Frucht 02/07

Joan Jordan 02/05

James Maynard 02/24

Haley Rodgers 02/04

Penny Sullivan 02/15

Howard Turner 02/05

# **Worship Watch**

February 7, 2021  Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  Sermon: "On Eagles' Wings	<u>Isaiah</u> 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	<u>Mark</u> 1:29-39
February 14, 2021  Transfiguration Sunday  Sermon: "Dazzling"	2 Kings 2:1-12	<u>Psalm</u> <u>50:1-6</u>	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	<u>Mark</u> 9:2-9
February 17, 2021  Ash Wednesday  Sermon: "In humility"	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	<u>Psalm</u> <u>51:1-17</u>	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 21, 2021  First Sunday in Lent  Sermon: "In times of transition"	<u>Genesis</u> <u>9:8-17</u>	<u>Psalm</u> <u>25:1-10</u>	1 Peter 3:18-22	<u>Mark</u> 1:9-15
February 28, 2021  Second Sunday in Lent  Sermon: "In covenant as the remnant"	<u>Genesis</u> <u>17:1-7,</u> <u>15-16</u>	<u>Psalm</u> <u>22:23-31</u>	<u>Romans</u> <u>4:13-25</u>	<u>Mark</u> 8:31-38

## **Weekly Meetings**



### **Sunday Worship Service**

February: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>

While our doors are closed due to the pandemic, services are uploaded to our <u>YouTube Page</u> and <u>our website</u> each week.



#### **Sunday Coffee Hour**

February: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30am via Zoom



## **Wednesday Prayer Meeting**

February: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and, 24<sup>th</sup>
5:30pm via Zoom
there is no meeting on Ash Wednesday as we are working on holding a special "service" that night. Please see the Pastor's Moment for details.



#### **Community Meals Grab n Go**

Sundays Noon to 12:30pm



## **Monthly Meetings**

Women's Fellowship March 10, 2021 12:30pm in Dutton Hall

Music February 8, 2021 10:00am in Dutton Hall

Deacons February 9, 2020 5:00pm via Zoom

Trustees February 2, 2021 5:00pm via Zoom

Missions February 21, 2021

Search Committee Mondays 7pm as needed

Stewards February 28, 2021

# Valentine's Day



Missions is looking for donations of Valentine cards to be delivered to our neighbors at Fairview and other area facilities. The Valentines can be store-bought or handmade. Our estimated need is 150 cards. (Dollar Tree has nice selection 2-\$1) please drop off in gray bin, money can be put in mail slot. Please have all donations dropped off by February 10th.



We are in the process of updating the Church Directory. If you have moved, changed your phone number/email address, or do not want your information to appear, please contact the office to update your information. Thank you.

## **Pastor's Moment**

Mid-winter Greetings to you all,

I wish you peace on this day as you read this. I hope you are able to stay safe and warm as winter has finally arrived with the snow gracing our lands and causing a few headaches for people traveling to and from work and school and running errands, but also with the cold winds helping us to enjoy the warmth of our homes. Let us pray for those who are homeless and that they will be able to find shelter and food. Please read Missions Committee report as I know they have been discussing how to help the homeless in this difficult year of the pandemic.

I'm beginning to hear the good news reports of those who've received their first shots of the COVID vaccine and their relief to know it happened; knowing the second round will be soon. I know Governor Lamont has a schedule that will hopefully have all of us receiving the first shots by this summer. Patience is asked of us... in this long year of waiting out to see when we'll get on top of this virus. For today, we are to continue our patient waiting. May we continue our prayers for the medical workers who are caring for the afflicted and, in truth, all of us in one form or another. May we not forget the steps we need to take to help not spread the virus but instead spread the love and grace.

This past month has been a full one as I attended the monthly meetings of the different boards and committees. This gave me the chance to get to know folks better after the Christmas season. I've seen the passion and love you all have for this family of faith and heard your desire to help make sure the Congregation not only survives this time of sheltering in place and no live services but thrives as we wait until we can return safely to our Sanctuary. I am so grateful for the technological creations that make the Zoom services possible! Thanks as well the tireless work of Dick and Sue Stottlemyer and Lisa Gorman our secretary. As well as the Sunday Coffee Hour conversations. I can't imagine going through this experience without the gift of the Zoom network which means we remain connected in this form and see each other and thrive.

We know that for so many of you there is great joy in being in our beautiful sanctuary. Therefore, Sue Blaisdell has talked with The Diaconate and they have made a request to the Chairs of the Committees, which was approved on January 26, to offer a special Ash Wed "service" on Feb 17 at 6 pm. We're still working out the details about how to make this happen so stay tuned. Currently, we ask that if you are interested, to please come to the church prior to 6 pm and wait in your car until a Deacon comes to escort you into the Narthex of the church. A mask is required of those entering. I will be standing in the front with a deacon and offering each person a chance to receive an individual cup with ashes and then have a private prayer with me and then mark themselves and the move to exit the sanctuary so that the next person may enter.

After this service, we then enter this year's Season of Lent. I believe this year the scripture passages and Holy Week experience will have a much deeper level of meaning for us all. I hope that you are able to witness our worship services somehow on-line so you can enjoy them as we still don't know when we'll be able to return safely to our Sunday services together. If you're having difficulties connecting to them, please let one of us know so we can see if we can help you.

For this day, I give thanks for each of you as you continue to put your feet on the path to learn more about being today's disciples of the humble man named Jesus. The one who came to teach us the ways of the heart - the ways of compassionate love that grows deeper and broader as we see what happens each time we offer forgiveness ..... because we have first received it, that "Amazing Grace."

May you experience anew God's grace and love with the dawning of each new day and share it.

Peace,

Rev Lee Ireland

## **Deacon's Message**



## Surprises—The Wonder of Blue Whales



I recently read an article that gave me gave me a boost of optimism. A previously unknown population of blue whales was found in the Indian Ocean.

If a large group of 100-foot- long whales can go undetected for so long, who knows what other surprises our world still holds?

When we think that everything that can be known is at least mostly known, terrible situations seem endless and incurable. We assume no new twist of events or discoveries of technology or miracles from God will improve our situation because we believe we know everything.

If even our little earth holds such huge secrets, secrets who boom out their unique songs, calling out across an ocean, surely God has more to show us.

We need to leave room in our lives for his unexpected grace.

If you are interested in the blue whales of the Indian Ocean, here is a link:

https://www.baltimoresun.com/pets/sns-nyt-blue-whales-indian-ocean-20210105-wncfrgtw2vcadiw5bvhfgx7qe4-story.html

Doris Pulaski

## **Music Moment**

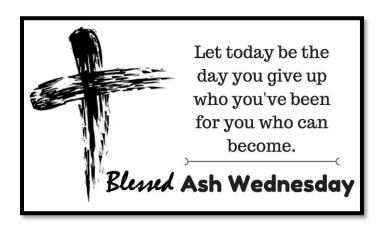
The Music Committee wishes to thank all the church members, friends, and community people who have contributed their time and talents to the music in worship this past holiday season. We are grateful to director of music Sue Stottlemyer and recordist Dick Stottlemyer, with our secretary Lisa Gorman, for coordinating contributions with bridge pastor Rev. Lee Ireland and our deacons, so that we may share with the church family and interested friends.

We also want to remind everyone that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, so we are looking for devotional music of diverse backgrounds suitable for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Please contact Mrs. Stottlemyer at the church if you have ideas to share!

We will meet at Dutton Hall on Monday, February 8, at 10 AM to discuss these possibilities and more.

May God bless us all with a healthy, peaceful, and uplifting Lenten-Easter season.

Janice Kimball, chair



## **Youth Group**

Happy February! The youth group took a little break during January, but we are ready to get back into it!

While I look forward to when we can meet in person again, this month I am trying new ways to engage the youth. We have a youth group Instagram page, where I will be posting regularly. I'm looking forward to trying this creative approach!

I attended a presentation on what Silver Lake camp will look like this summer and what precautions and changes are taking place to make in-person camp happen! I will be emailing parents a summary of what I learned in this presentation.

February makes me think of love. Of course, Valentine's Day is this month, and it sets a tone of kindness and gentleness. It is important to remember to be kind and gentle to others, as well as ourselves. We have endured a crazy year. I'm sure many of us never thought we would see a pandemic happen in our lifetimes. Remember to not be hard on yourself for not getting things done or feeling like you are resting too much. There is no such thing as too much rest. You will get things done when you are ready. Being kind and gentle to our youth is so important as they continue to navigate school and being away from friends. I always thought I was cheated because I didn't get a spirit week my senior year of high school. That is such small potatoes to what our youth are going through this year.

I like to give suggestions of worship songs. This month I suggest listening to How He Loves by David Crowder. This song states over and over again how God loves all of us. My favorite line is "If His grace is an ocean, we're all sinking." God is gracious to us, especially in our struggles.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Measimer Youth Director

## **Mission's Moment**

### **Grammies Jammies Brings Warmth and Smiles**



Happy New Year to the Groton Congregational Church! I hope these pictures fully capture the joy brought to our little ones here at the Early Childhood Development Center, through the church's 'Grammie's Jammies' mission!

January 15th was Hot Chocolate (the real homemade kind) and Jammie Day here at the Center. The children read stories, drank hot chocolate, and relaxed the morning away in their new jammies!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the entire congregation! We feel truly blessed to have this collaboration with the church.

Sending peace and good health to all!

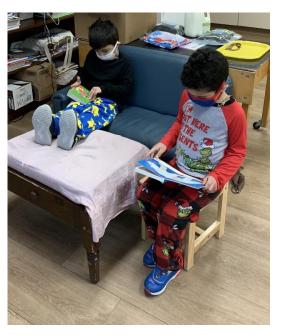
Clarissa Miles
Site Manager
Early Childhood Development Center











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## **Stewardship Message**

"The building may be closed but the Church is not."

Again, we say "thank you" for the continued support of the ministry of the church through your ongoing pledges and donations. Whether you mail them in or drop them by the church or make automatic payments and do so weekly or monthly or by some other means of installment, your faithfulness matters!

In order to avoid having to draw-down from our investment – which is a goal that the church set for itself - it is important to keep up with your pledge as you are best able and if you're in a position to increase it, please do! Over 90% of our budget is directed to salaries, utilities, expenses, etc. Even though we are not in the building, these items remain. Suffice it to say that the church is not where it was financially at this time last year and undoubtedly some of us are in that same situation.

More specific details on the status of pledges and the budget will soon be coming.

A reminder: it is never too late to submit a pledge card and to make stewardship a way of life.

We leave you with some words of encouragement: "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." Helen Keller.

May God's blessings be upon you.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Cathy Johnson Sue Stottlemyer Phyllis Meyer

## The Farmer

#### Is The Lord Making Something We Don't Expect?

A while back a friend shared a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"God, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "God, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And God, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But God, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, God, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits.

Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, dear friends, because God is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come.

Reverend Lee Ireland

## **SNEC Moment**

#### Creativity and Spiritual Formation in a Time of Pandemic

The past ten months of pandemic can either be lost time or the time of our lives, or a mixture of both as we find ourselves embedded in the tragic beauty of this time. When we discontinued in-person worship at South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Centerville, MA, moving all our programs entirely to Zoom, many of us were both anxious and grieving. Community is important to our congregation and we didn't know how we would keep our church together. We mourned the fact that we couldn't meet together for Palm Sunday and Easter and chose to cancel our Easter Sunrise Service on Craigville Beach. We wondered how long we would be meeting online and how this would shape the future of our congregation.

The philosopher Alfred North Whitehead asserted that one aspect of creativity is to initiate novelty to match novel circumstances. We knew that we couldn't stand still but needed to take the initiative in responding to the pandemic, doing new things to respond to the new world around us. As a writer and theologian/spiritual guide, I pondered how as pastor I could best contribute to our own congregation's wellbeing as well as to the wellbeing of the larger community. I decided to immediately to initiate four new projects, based on my particular gifts, in addition to Sunday Worship on Zoom.

The first project involved writing a daily reflection that would be circulated to members by email and sent by snail mail to members who do not use social media or the internet. So far, I have written over 270 daily reflections. Congregants have commented that these reflections, usually accompanied by a link to a piece of music (sometimes a hymn, symphonic piece, contemporary song) have kept them connected with the congregation's life.

Second, I began teaching our adult faith formation classes on Zoom. We have scheduled two courses each week, one of a spiritual perspective and the other more theological in nature. Right now, one class is reading through the Gospel of Thomas; the other is focusing on Christianity and the World Religions. We have had our regular congregational and neighborhood participants and also a handful from across the country joining us for these seminars.

Third, we initiated a Monday to Thursday informal Morning Prayer Service on Zoom. This time, usually no more than twenty minutes, of scripture, silence, reflection, and prayer has been an anchor for the small group that gathers.

Finally, as a theologian and writer, I often figure things out in the process of writing. At the beginning of the pandemic, I wrestled with how to nurture spirituality in a time of pandemic and penned the book *Faith in a Time of Pandemic* (Energion Publications). Later in the summer, I began looking at how our hopes for the future would shape our current commitments. This text came out under the title *Hope Beyond Pandemic*. Several congregations have invited me to share my insights on theology, spirituality, and ethics in response to these books.

In the course of these projects, including sharing in our congregation's expanded outreach to the vulnerable in our community, done with safe distancing and masking, I discovered that as tragic and painful as this time is — as difficult as it is to communities that want to meet together for worship, fellowship, and study — this time of

pandemic can be holy time. It can be time for creativity and reaching out in new ways. It can involve building community and promoting faith formation in new ways.

Our lives have changed significantly and will continue to do so, but when we hear God's call and respond creatively, we can face the challenges of our personal and congregational lives in the spirit of Lamentations 3:22-23:

The steadfast love of God never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness.



Bruce Epperly is pastor of South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Centerville, MA and is author of over sixty books, including "Faith in a Time of Pandemic" and "Hope Beyond Pandemic"

## **Community Calendar**



Westerly Senior Citizens Center 39 State Street Westerly, RI 02891 Sponsored by <u>Dementia Training 4 Life</u>

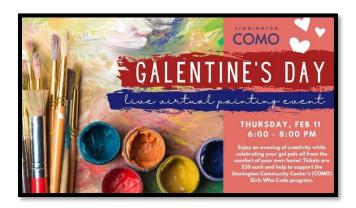


#### Jazz & The Civil Rights Movement February 4, 20214:00pm to 5:00pm via Zoom

Join us for this exciting lecture and musical celebration with master flutist, educator, and lecturer Galen Abdur-Razzaq on the role and history of jazz music during the Civil Rights Movement. This program is a combined lecture and music performance that opens with a flute prelude performed by Galen.

Contact Erik Caswell 860-536-

7721 ecaswell@mysticnoanklibrary.org or <u>Register</u> <u>Here</u>.



February 11, 2021 6:00pm-8:00pm \$35.00/each Sponsored by the Stonington Community Center

This year, our event is virtual - featuring a live painting tutorial by avid painter, crafter and COMO team member, Holly Mangan. Ticket price includes all the materials needed to paint your own floral still-life masterpiece, plus two hours of live instruction and encouragement! Let your creativity shine from the comfort of your own home.

Registration for this event is through Eventbrite. Once

you register, you'll receive an email with information on how to pick up your painting kit and join the live event on February 11. **Proceeds from our Galentine's event support Girls Who Code**, a free after school program at the COMO for girls in grades 3-12 to learn coding in a safe and collaborative environment. <u>Register here for this event</u>.



# Come join a committed writing group: The Book Writers! FREE Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:00pm-7:30pm via Zoom. Sponsored by The Mystic/Noank Library.

One of the best ways to keep going is to work with a group of other writers with their own projects and pursuits to keep you motivated. Sign up for a workshop slot and get serious about getting published.

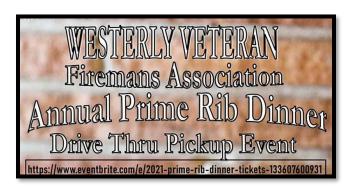
Please contact Erik Caswell at the Library 860-536-7721 ecaswell@mysticnoanklibrary.org



#### February 20, 2021 6:00m-8:00pm Sponsored by The Stonington Community Center

Enjoy a fun evening with the family in the comfort of your own home from \*6pm-8pm. Get ready to yell "Bingo" if you're the lucky winner and receive prizes! Participants will enjoy the classic game as well as some unique game cards with a spin! Tickets are \$25 for the first registrant and \$10 for each additional person in your group. \*Please note that we are asking families to check in at 5:30pm to make sure

your video and sound is working properly. Find out more and Register here



#### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Prime Rib Dinner \$25/each February 20, 2021 3pm-7pm

The Westerly Firefighter's Hand Tub Association, otherwise known as the VETS, will be hosting its 6th Annual Prime Rib Dinner. All monies will be used to maintain our 1860 Button & Blake Hand Pumper, as well as providing scholarships to graduating high school students. Tickets are only sold <a href="https://example.com/here-through-Eventbrite">here through Eventbrite</a>. Drive-Thru and Pick-Up options are available.



## Paczki Recipe



#### Paczki Recipe

From The Spruce Eats

This recipe is a bit involved but it is so worth the trouble!

This traditional recipe for Polish *pączki* (POHNCH-

kee), or donuts, is a splurge food before Easter fasting begins.

In the United States, Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras, and Paczki Day, is the day to indulge before Lent begins. However, Fat Thursday (the last Thursday before Lent) heralds the winding down of Carnival season, and that's when fried foods such as pączki are eaten with abandon in Poland, where it's known as *Tłusty Czwartek*.

Making them was a way to use up ingredients such as butter, sugar, eggs, fruit, and lard before the dietary restraints of Lent started, in order to avoid food waste. Some accounts say these fried foods date all the way back to the Middle Ages, but immigrants have brought this tradition with them to places such as the United States, where many communities still make them.

#### **Ingredients**

- 4 1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast (2 packets)
- 1 1/2 cups milk (lukewarm, about 110 F)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter (room temperature)
- 1 large egg (room temperature)
- 3 large egg yolks (room temperature)
- 1 tablespoon brandy (or rum)--optional
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour (about 20 1/4 ounces to 22 1/2 ounces)
- Vegetable oil (for deep-frying)
- Optional:

Granulated sugar (about 1/2 cup, for rolling)
Confectioners' sugar (about 1/2 cup, for rolling)
Fruit preserves for filling, such as raspberry or
strawberry jam, mince, prune jam (traditional)
custard, Boston and/or Bavarian cream, or lemon
filling

#### Steps to Make It

#### Make and Cut the Dough

- Gather the ingredients.
- 2. Add the yeast to the warm milk. Stir to dissolve and set aside.
- 3. In a large bowl or stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the sugar and butter until fluffy.
- 4. Beat in the egg, egg yolks, brandy or rum, and salt until well incorporated.
- 5. Still using the paddle attachment, add 4 1/2 cups flour, alternating with the milk-yeast mixture. Beat for 5 or more minutes by machine or longer by hand until smooth. (Old-fashioned directions call for beating the dough with a wooden spoon until it blisters.) The dough will be very slack. If it's still too soft, add ½ cup remaining flour but not more.
- 6. Place the dough in a greased bowl. Turn to grease the other side.
- 7. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk, anywhere from 1 to 2 1/2 hours.
- 8. Punch down and let rise again.
- 9. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Pat or roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut rounds with a 3-inch biscuit cutter close together so you will (con't)

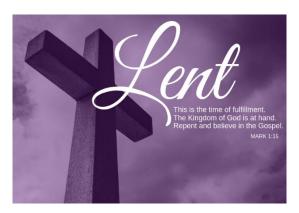
have minimal scraps. Remove scraps and reroll and recut.

10. Cover and let rounds rise until doubled in bulk,30 minutes or longer, before frying.

#### Fry the Pączki

- In a large skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil to 350
   F. Place the risen pączki top-side down (the dry side) in the oil a few at a time and fry 2 to 3 minutes or until the bottom is golden brown.
- Flip them over and fry another 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Make sure the oil doesn't get too hot so the exterior doesn't brown before the interior is done. Test a cool one to make sure it's cooked through. Adjust cooking time and oil heat accordingly.
- 3. Drain pączki on paper towels or brown paper bags.
- 4. Roll in granulated sugar while still warm. If you want to fill them, poke a hole in the side of the pączki and, using a pastry bag, squeeze in a generous dollop of the filling of choice. Then dust the filled pączki with granulated sugar, confectioners' sugar, or an icing glaze.
- 5. Pączki don't keep well, so be sure to gobble them up the same day you make for the best taste or freeze them. Enjoy





# **February Calendar**

# February 2021

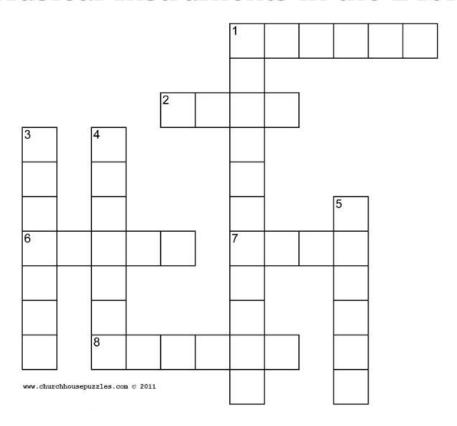


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	1	Ground Hog Day	Zoom Prayer Meeting 5:30pm	4	5	6
7 Sunday Worship & Zoom Coffee hour 11:30am	8	9	Zoom Prayer Meeting 5:30pm	11	12	13
Sunday Worship & Zoom Coffee hour 11:30am	President's Day	16 Fat Tuesday	Ash Wednesday Special service 6pm	18	19	20
Sunday Worship & Zoom Coffee hour 11:30am	22	23	Zoom Prayer Meeting 5:30pm	Purim Begins	26 Purim Ends	27
28 Sunday Worship & Zoom Coffee hour 11:30am						

## **Puzzle Time**

The following puzzles must be printed they cannot be filled in digitially

# Musical Instruments in the Bible



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Lyre; a small harp
- 2 Similar to a modern day flute
- **6** Stringed instrument; a harp with angles
- 7 Similar to a modern day tambourine; also called a tabor, timbrel, tabret
- 8 Ram's horn made into a trumpet

#### **DOWN**

- Trumpet made of bronze or silver about a foot long
- 3 Sistrum; named for it's rattling sound
- 4 Percussion instrument made of bronze
- 5 Flute or pipe made of ivory, reed, or metal; two pipes together each with their own mouthpiece

Across	Bil	ble Cr	osswor	d X	Down
1 Donkey (3)	1		2	3	1 One of God's messengers
2 Jesus' Father (3)					(5,2,3,4)
4 One of the twelve (9)					3 1940s archaeological find
- One of the twelve (5)					(4,3,7)
4 5 6		7	8		9 10 11
12	13	-	14		15
16			18		19
20			21		
8 Didn't believe in					4 Tread down (7)
resurrection (9)		22			<b>5</b> Father of Jonah (7)
12 One of David's warriors (5)					6 Very salty water
13 First word of the Lord's	23 24			25	bordering Israel (4,3)  7 Defensive structures (11)
Prayer (3)					8 Refuges (11)
14 New Testament name for Noah (3)					9 Dirty (7)
<b>15</b> Wish harm upon (5)	26	27	28	29	<b>10</b> Devout (7)
<b>16</b> Hole in the ground (3)					<b>11</b> Pieces of money (7)
<b>17</b> Adversary (5)	30				24 Used to listen (3)
<b>18</b> Savour (5)					<b>25</b> Used to see (3)
<b>19</b> First woman (3)					<b>26</b> Positions (5)
20 Mother of John the Baptist		31			<b>27</b> Made available (7)
(9)					<b>28</b> Snake (7)
21 Family of priests (9)	32 33			34	29 Destroyed along with
22 Third son of Jacob (4)					Gomorrah (5)
23 Hates (8)					<b>33</b> Finish (3)
26 Assurances (8)	35	36	37	38	<b>34</b> Possess (3) <b>35</b> King of the Amalekites
<ul><li>30 Endured pain (8)</li><li>31 Return from the dead (4)</li></ul>					(4)
32 Intercessor (8)		39			<b>36</b> Last letter of the Greek
<b>35</b> Decorating (8)	40 41		42	43	alphabet (5)
<b>39</b> Old Testament book of the					<b>37</b> Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
Bible (4)	44				<b>38</b> Present (4)
40 The prince of Rosh,					<b>41</b> Unfasten (4)
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